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For: Method and System for Programmable Submarine Network Configuration Plans to
Enable Diverse Service Level Agreements in Telecommunication Networks

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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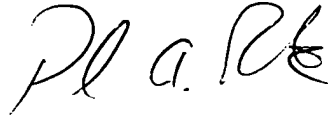
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